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Credentials of representatives to the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space

Report of the Credentials Committee

Chairman: Lance **Joseph** (Australia)

1. At its 1st plenary meeting, on 19 July 1999, the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III), in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, appointed a Credentials Committee, composed of the following States: China, Fiji,[1] Jamaica,[1] Mali,[1] New Zealand,[1] Russian Federation, United States of America, Venezuela and Zimbabwe.

2. The Credentials Committee held one meeting, on 26 July 1999.

3. Mr. Lance Joseph (Australia) was unanimously elected Chairman of the Committee.

4. The Committee had before it a memorandum by the Secretary-General dated 26 July 1999 on the status of credentials of representatives to the Conference. On the basis of the information made available to it, the Committee noted that, as at 26 July 1999, credentials issued by the Head of State or Government or by the Minister for Foreign Affairs, as provided for in rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Conference, had been submitted by the representatives of the following [60] Member States: Argentina, Australia, Austria, Azerbaijan, Belarus, Belgium, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Canada, Chile, China, Colombia, Costa Rica, Cuba, Czech Republic, Democratic People's Republic of Korea, Denmark, Ecuador, Finland, France, Greece, Hungary, India, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Iraq, Ireland, Japan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lithuania, Luxembourg, Malawi, Malaysia, Mexico, Monaco, Morocco, Netherlands, Norway, Portugal, Republic of Korea, Romania, Russian Federation, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Spain, Sweden, Thailand, the former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Tunisia, Ukraine, United States of America, Uruguay, Venezuela, Viet Nam, Yemen and Zimbabwe.

5. The following 38 States communicated to the Secretary-General, by facsimile from their Head of State or Government or their Minister for Foreign Affairs, or by letter or note verbale

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[1] At its 7th plenary meeting, on 22 July 1999, the Conference elected Australia, Indonesia, the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya and Uruguay to replace Fiji, Jamaica, Mali and New Zealand, which had been elected at the 1st plenary meeting.

from their Permanent Mission, information concerning the appointment of their representatives to the Conference: Algeria, Angola, Benin, Bolivia, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Comoros, Cyprus, Egypt, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia, Germany, Guatemala, Israel, Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Mongolia, Namibia, Niger, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Panama, Peru, Philippines, Poland, Saudi Arabia, Senegal, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Syrian Arab Republic, Turkey, Uganda, United Arab Emirates and United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland.

6. The Chairman proposed that the Committee adopt the following draft resolution:

"*The Credentials Committee of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space*,

"*Having examined* the credentials of the representatives to the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space, referred to in paragraphs 4 and 5 of its report,[2]

"1. *Accepts* the credentials of representatives submitted in accordance with rule 3 of the rules of procedure of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space;

"2. *Also accepts* as provisional credentials the other communications received by and reported to the Committee on the understanding that credentials in due form as required under rule 3 of the rules of procedure would be submitted promptly to the Executive Secretary of the Conference by the authorities concerned;

"3. *Recommends* to the Conference that it approve the report of the Credentials Committee."[3]

7. The draft resolution proposed by the Chairman was adopted by the Committee without a vote.

8. Subsequently, the Chairman proposed that the Committee recommend to the Conference the adoption of a draft resolution, which was approved by the Committee without a vote (see para. 10 below).

9. In the light of the foregoing, the present report is submitted to the Conference.

10. The Credentials Committee recommends to the Conference the adoption of the following draft resolution:

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"*The Conference*,

"*Having examined* the report of the Credentials Committee,[3]

"*Approves* the report of the Credentials Committee."

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[2] A/CONF.184/5.

[3] A/CONF.184/5.